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TAGS: NATO, AORG

SUBJECT: FIRST CLASS TRAVEL IN NATO

REF: USNATO 2135

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THAT HE IS CORRECT THAT THE COUNCIL HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY  
APPROVED CHANGE IN TRAVEL REGULATIONS. HOWEVER,  
C-M(75)78 INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE CIVIL BUDGET  
COMMITTEE QUOTE HAS NOTED THAT, AT ITS REQUEST THE  
ADMINISTRATION WILL PREPARE, FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION,  
AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAVEL REGULATIONS WITH THE AIM  
OF RESTRICTING ENTITLEMENT TO FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL  
OF STAFF MEMBERS OF THE RANK OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
GENERAL AND ABOVE UNQUOTE. THUS, THE COUNCIL  
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HAD NO REASON TO TAKE ANY SPECIFIC ACTION, BUT HAD  
EVERY RIGHT TO ASSUME THAT THE REGULATIONS WOULD  
BE AMENDED. IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAD AGREED TO  
PREPARE THE AMENDMENTS AS STATED, WE WONDER WHY THEY  
DID NOT DO IT, AND WHY THE COUNCIL WAS NOT ADVISED  
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(B) WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND VAN CAMPEN'S IMPLICATION THAT CHANGE IN REGULATIONS WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR NATO TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH OECD AND EC ON FIRST CLASS TRAVEL. WE NOTE THAT OECD TRAVEL REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED ON JANUARY 1, 1977 WHICH RESTRICT FIRST CLASS TRAVEL AS STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL. IF OECD WAS ABLE TO AMEND ITS REGULATIONS WITHOUT COORDINATION WITH NATO, SURELY NATO CAN DO THE SAME WITHOUT COORDINATION WITH THE OECD.

(C) WE DOUBT THAT MOST OF THE A6/A7 EMPLOYEES USE ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY ON THE EXPENSIVE TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS. ALL EMPLOYEES IN THAT CATEGORY THAT WE ARE AWARE OF HAVE USED FIRST CLASS TRAVEL ON RECENT TRIP TO THE U.S. IN ANY CASE, WE CANNOT AGREE TO THESE EXCEPTIONS WHICH ARE OUT OF LINE WITH CURRENT UN, OECD AND US REGULATIONS.

(D) IT IS OUR VIEW THAT A6/A7 EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO WORK UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UN AND OECD, AND WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT THEY ACQUIRED RIGHTS TO FIRST CLASS TRAVEL. ALL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT -- WHICH THEY HAVE EXERCISED -- TO CHANGE THEIR TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

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3. YOU SHOULD INITIATE LONG DELAYED PARALLEL ACTION IN CBC TO FOLLOW UP 1975 AGREEMENT WITH ADMINISTRATION AS OUTLINED IN C-M(75)78 AND QUOTED IN PARA 1(A) ABOVE. IF REGULATIONS ARE NOT CHANGED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO BE TABLED IN THAT COMMITTEE TO FORCE CHANGE OF REGULATIONS THROUGH REDUCTION OF FUNDS. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO APPROVE NATO BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES FUNDS FOR FIRST CLASS TRAVEL OF A6/A7 EMPLOYEES IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, AND REGULATIONS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER SAME APPROPRIATION. THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN BUDGET DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH

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